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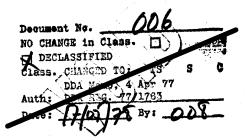
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1. Jan Druto, Polish Ambassador to Turkey, asserts that Aleksandr Lavrishchev, the Soviet Ambassador, was not drunk when he discussed Turkish relations with the Soviet Union with Hasan Saka, Turkish Prime Minister, at the Soviet Embassy, as the Turkish press has alleged. Druto defines the remarks of the Soviet Ambassador as premeditated, made either by Lavrishchev on his own initiative, or in accordance with instructions from Moscow. To support this statement Drute points out that Lavrishchev was speaking loudly enough to be overheard by the bystanders.

25X1X6 **2**° agrees with Druto and recalls Lavrishchev's career as Soviet Ambassador to Bulgaria where he remained inactive for a year or more after his arrival, as he has done in Turkey. Source believes that Lavrishchev's remarks to Hasan Saka indicate that Lavrishchev now thinks the time has come for the Soviets to become active in Turkey.





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